

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2008. Mayor McBeath called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor McBeath, Vice-Mayor Hinnners, Mr. Antell, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Vilardo Jr., and Ms. Brewer.

Oath of Office: Law Director Michael Minniear administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council members; Bryan Hawkins, Charlene Hinnners, David Hunter and Ralph Vilardo, Jr.

Selection of Mayor and Vice-Mayor: Mr. Minniear explained the selection process for mayor and vice-mayor to and opened the floor for nominations for mayor. Mr. Hawkins nominated Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Hinnners. Mr. Antell nominated Mr. Vilardo, Jr., seconded by Ms. Brewer. Mr. Antell motioned that the nominations for mayor be closed, seconded by Ms. Hinnners. With a Voice Vote all said yes. Mr. Minniear tallied the ballots with the outcome recorded as four votes for Mr. Hunter and three votes for Mr. Vilardo, Jr. Mr. Hunter, with the majority of four votes was declared mayor. Mr. Minniear then opened the floor for nominations for vice-mayor. Ms. McBeath nominated Ms. Hinnners, seconded by Mr. Hawkins. Mr. Antell nominated Mr. Vilardo, Jr., seconded by Ms. Brewer. Mr. Antell motioned that the nominations for vice-mayor be closed, seconded by Ms. McBeath. With a Voice Vote all said yes. Mr. Minniear then counted the ballots with the vote being four votes for Ms. Hinnners and three votes for Mr. Vilardo, Jr. With the majority of four votes Ms. Hinnners was declared vice-mayor. Law Director Minniear administer the Oath of Office to Mr. Hunter as Mayor and to Ms. Hinnners as Vice-Mayor.

Minutes: Ms. McBeath made the motion, seconded by Ms. Brewer to waive the reading and adopt the Minutes of the December 18, 2007 Council meeting. All voted yes.

Correspondence: None

Financial Statements: None

Comments: Sam Pschesange expressed his thanks to Mayor McBeath for her term as Mayor of Milford.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services: No Report

Administrative Services: No Report

Safety Services: No Report

Community Development: No Report

City Manager's Report: City Manager Rokey reported that positive comments had been received about the conditions of the streets during the recent snow. It was another fine job by our Street/Service Department. They acted quickly in clearing and treating the street surfaces throughout the City and the sidewalk around the Municipal Building.

The Wastewater Plant reports that all is going well in spite of the freezing temperatures.

The Water Department continues to replace ARB read boxes with radio read transmitters. The Clearwell Project is running slightly behind schedule.

Garbage and Recycling – Garbage stickers will be mailed on January 17.

Comprehensive Plan Update – City businesses are invited to a community meeting to discuss the specific needs of the business community. The meeting will be held on January 7, 2008 from 7-9 p.m. at the Milford Firefighter's Community Hall (east end of the Milford Shopping Center). On February 11, 2008 from 7-9 p.m. residents and businesses will again be invited to an open house at the Firefighters Hall to discuss the results of the prior two meetings.

Traffic Survey – Staff recommends that the traffic survey be included in the next newsletter mailing, as the comprehensive plan was. This will save staff time and cost to coordinate the mailing.

A schedule of Activities for 2008 is attached for approval by Council. This includes Arbor Day, Clean ups, Yard sales and Junk Days. The City Manager requested a Voice Vote from Council approving the schedule. Mayor Hunter asked for the Voice Vote with all voting yes.

Committee Meetings

Community Devel.	Tuesday, January 8, 2008	5:30 p.m.
Council Work Session	Tuesday, January 29, 2008	6:00 p.m.

Reminders

Comprehensive Plan Mtg.	Monday, January 7, 2008 (Firefighters Hall)	7-9 p.m.
Planning Commission	Wednesday, January 9, 2008	6:00 p.m.
Citizen's Housing	Monday, January 21, 2008	7:00 p.m.

Legislative Luncheon Friday, January 25, 2008 – Receptions 11:15 – 1:00 p.m.
Small Business Award Friday, February 8, 2008 – Eastgate Holiday Inn 11:15 – 1:00 p.m.
Administrative Offices Closed Monday, January 21, 2008 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Comprehensive Plan Review Monday, February 11, 2008 – Firefighters Hall 7-9 p.m.

Police Department: Chief Machan reported that the Department would receive video enhancement equipment from the Homeland Security Department of the Federal Government at no cost to the City. He also reported that Officers Hodges was able to get a license plate number of a car that belonged to a person who had just stolen a TV from Wal-Mart. The perpetrator was caught in Cincinnati.

Fire Department: Chief Cooper expressed his thanks to the Street/Service Department for their work during the recent snow.

Comments: Mr. Antell announced that he was resigning his position as Council member as of January 31st. He stated his increased workload prevented him from being able to fulfill his duties as a Council member. Law Director Minniear reminded Council that the Rules of Council would be due for passage at the first Council meeting in February. Mayor Hunter said that he would have committee assignments at the January 15th Council meeting. Ralph Vilardo, Jr. congratulated Mayor Hunter and Vice-Mayor Hinners and asked the community to support them. He also thanked the members of the community who supported him for the selection of mayor and vice-mayor.

New Business – None
Ordinances and Resolutions

Old Business: None
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Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. with a motion by Ms. McBeath, seconded by Mr. Hawkins with all voting yes.

Joanne Trilety, Clerk

David M. Hunter, Mayor